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Dear Rick Breitenbach:

I am writing to comment on the CalFed plan.

I urge you to ensure that the best possible technology has been used as widely as possible to conserve water before any new dams or reservoirs are considered.

Water flows must be restored to near historical levels to the Bay/Delta. There is no guaranteed water for salmon or endangered Delta smelt in your plan. Conservation, which should be the pre-eminent concern of your plan is given a low priority. Recycling of water, water transfers and other efficiency measures should be adopted to ensure that water is available for wildlife.

Users must pay. There must be no taxpayer subsidies for unnecessary new projects. Subsidized water projects have been the cause of the grievous environmental predicament of the Bay/Delta watershed. Agricultural water users and urban water users must pay FULL MARKET COST for the water they use. No taxpayers bail outs.

Future water needs should be realistically forecast and not inflated. Water quality needs to be safeguarded all the way from the Sierra Nevada to the tap. Toxics should be eliminated, including pesticides and animal wastes.

Thank you for your attention to my point of view.

Sincerely,

  
Constantina Economou